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Who's News

United Press International Elects Beaton President

NEW YORK (UPI)—Roderick W. Beaton was elected president and chief executive officer of United Press International at the annual meeting of the news agency's board.

At the same time, Mims Thomason, president since April 1962, was elected chairman. The announcement said Frank H. Bartholomew, former president and chairman and a director since 1949, would continue as a director and as chairman emeritus.

In another action, Fred W. Lyon Jr., general manager of UPI Newspictures for the past two years, was elected a vice president.

Mr. Beaton, 49 years old, who also becomes a member of the board, has been vice president and general manager since 1969. He has spent his entire career with United Press International, joining the news agency as a reporter in 1948. With service both in the U.S. and abroad, he has directed news and business operations in three major divisions of the news agency.

Mr. Thomason, 61, a veteran of 38 years with the news agency in various executive posts, introduced many original news and communications techniques to United Press International during his presidency.

United Press International is owned by E. W. Scripps Co., a privately held concern that also owns the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers.